

# Q3 2023 Earnings Call

October 25, 2023



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# **CEO Remarks**



**Alan Shaw**President & Chief Executive Officer





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### **Financial Overview**



Mark George
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial
Officer





#### Expense Paid-**1H** to-date **Q3** Total \$581 Environmental-related costs **\$118 \$699** \$372 Environmental response efforts and expected remediation and monitoring activity 139 222 **70** 292 Legal and other costs Legal-related activities and community assistance (25)(25)Insurance recoveries \$803 \$163 **Total impact** \$966

Estimate of Eastern Ohio derailment-related costs

Eastern Ohio Incident & Response costs are current estimates, which may be subject to changes in future periods. Third Quarter 2023 amounts reflect \$25M in insurance recoveries. Additional insurance or other third-party recoveries will be recognized in future periods when recovery is deemed to be probable. No amounts have been recorded related to potential third-party recoveries, which may reduce amounts payable by our insurers under applicable insurance coverage.



\$ millions

### **Key Financial Data**

#### Q3 2023 and comparison to Q3 2022

favorable / unfavorable \$ millions except per share

	Third Quarter							
	Revenue	Operating Expense	Operating Ratio	Operating Income	Net Income	Earnings per Share		
Q3 2023 GAAP	\$2,971	\$2,215	74.6%	\$756	\$478	\$2.10		
Eastern Ohio incident/response		(\$163)	5.5pts	\$163	\$123	\$0.55		
Q3 2023 Adjusted <sup>1</sup>	\$2,971	\$2,052	69.1%	\$919	\$601	\$2.65		
GAAP Variance vs Q3'22 Adjusted Variance vs Q3'22	(\$372) (\$372) -11%	\$144 \$19 -1%	12.6pts 7.1pts	(\$516) (\$353) -28%	(\$480) (\$357) -37%	(\$2.00) (\$1.45) -35%		

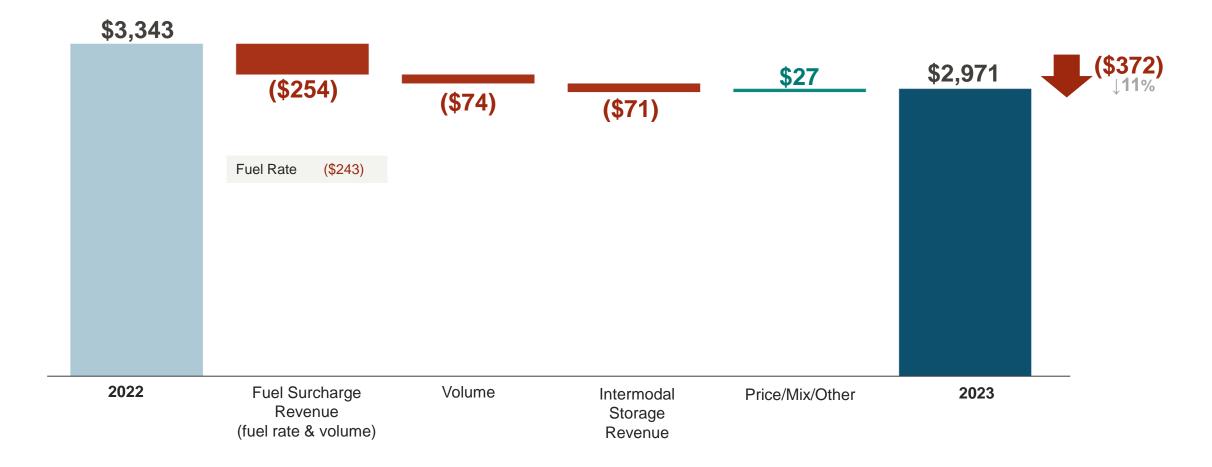
#### Fuel Price is a 270bps headwind to OR in Q3



### Railway Operating Revenues

Q3 2023 vs. 2022

\$ millions favorable / (unfavorable)



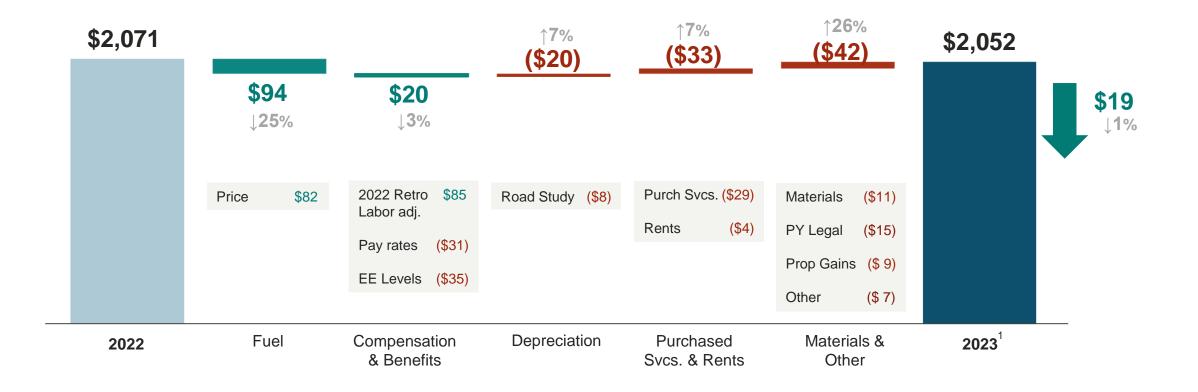


### **Operating Expense Components**

Adjusted Q3 2023(1) vs. 2022

\$ millions

favorable / (unfavorable)

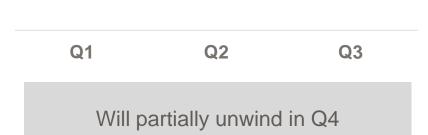




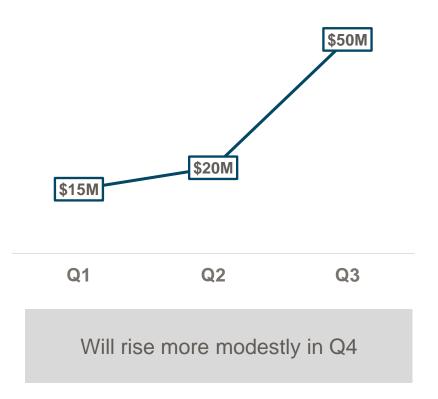
### **Service Costs and Resiliency Investments**

#### **Temporary Service Costs**





# **Incremental Expense from Resiliency Investments**





### **Financial Results**

Q3 2023 vs. Q3 2022

favorable / unfavorable \$ millions except per share

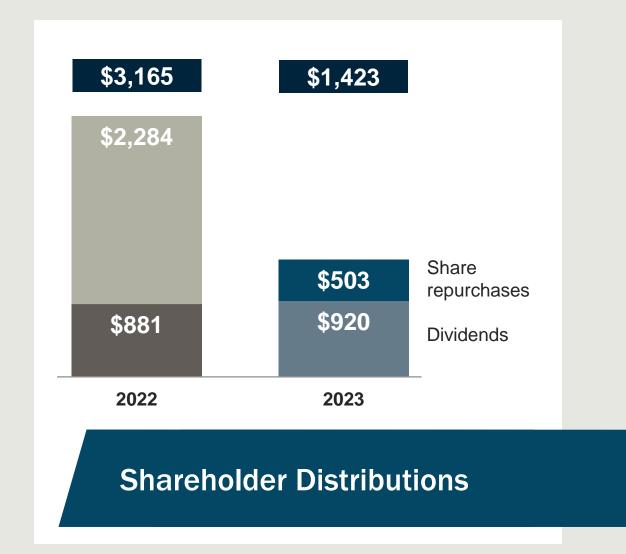
	2022	GAAP <b>2023</b>	Adjusted <b>2023</b> <sub>(1)</sub>	Adjusted Varia	nce vs '22 %
Income from railway operations	\$1,272	\$756	\$919	(\$353)	(28%)
Other income (expense) - net	(2)	40	40	42	NM
Interest expense on debt	177	182	182	5	3%
Income before income taxes	1,093	614	777	(316)	(29%)
Income taxes	135	136	176	41	30%
Net income	\$958	\$478	\$601	(\$357)	(37%)
Earnings per share – diluted	\$4.10	\$2.10	\$2.65	(\$1.45)	(35%)



### Free Cash Flow & Shareholder Distributions

First Nine Months / \$ millions







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# **Operations Overview**

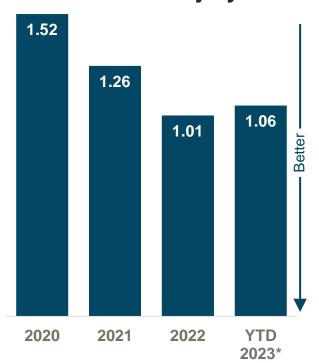






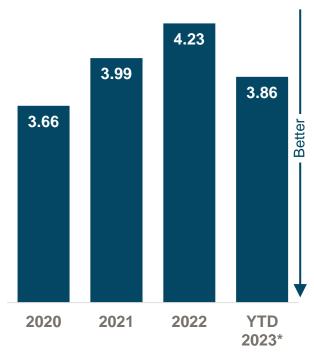
### **Safety Update**

#### **FRA Personal Injury Index**



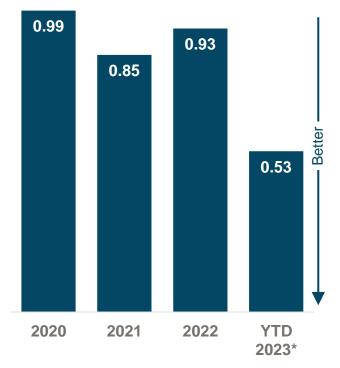
FRA Personal Injury Index calculates the number of reportable injuries/illnesses per year per 200,000 hours worked.

#### **FRA Accident Rate**



FRA Train Accident Rate calculates the total number of reportable accidents per million train miles.

#### **FRA Mainline Accident Rate**



FRA Mainline Accident Rate calculates the total number of reportable events occurring on that portion of the track that connects stations (other than auxiliary track) on which trains operate (a "Mainline") per one million Mainline miles.



### **Service Update**



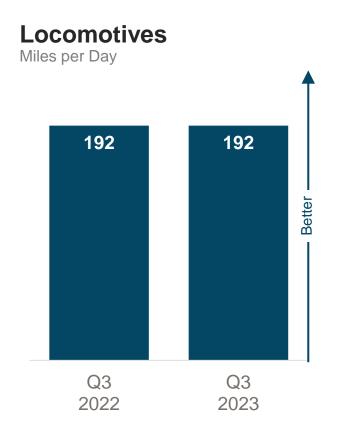
**Train Speed (mph)** 

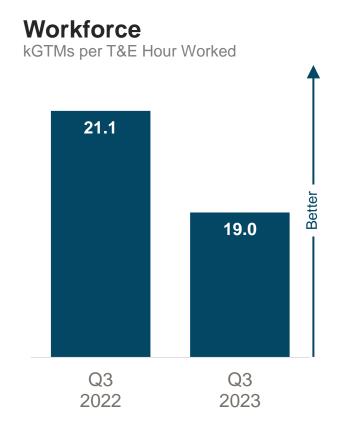


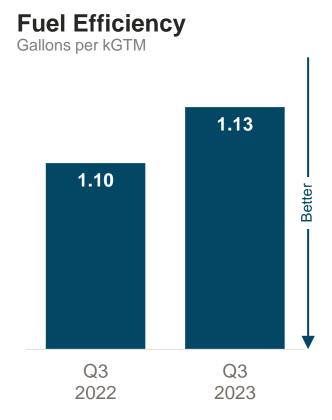
**Terminal Dwell (hours)** 



### **Productivity Indicators**











# Driving Safe, Reliable, and Resilient Service, Productivity, and Growth

- Disciplined Terminal Execution
- Full Plan Adherence Train & Car
- **Labor Modernization**
- First-Mile Last-Mile Optimization



## **Market Overview**

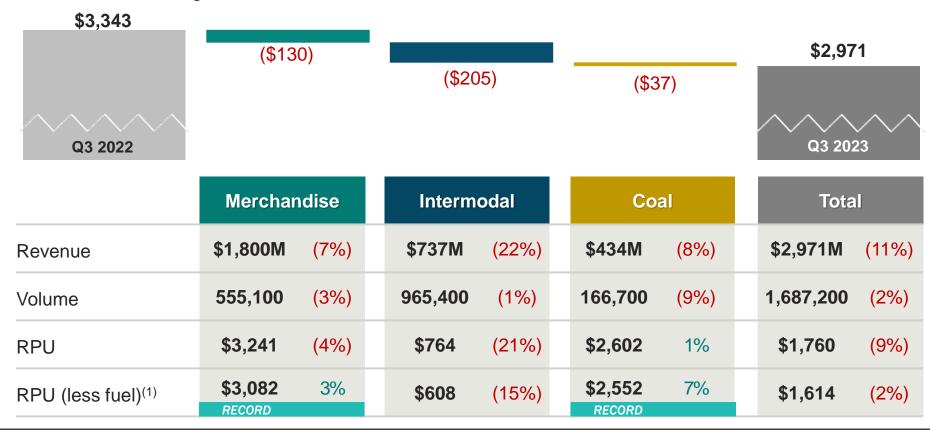






### **Q3 Volume and Revenue Results**

Q3 2023 vs. Q3 2022 / Revenue change \$ millions / favorable / unfavorable



33 out of 34 consecutive quarters of y-o-y RPU (less fuel) (1) growth in Merchandise



### **Market Outlook**

#### Merchandise

- Manufacturing Activity
- Energy Prices
- Automobile Production / UAW Strike

#### Intermodal

- East Coast Import Demand
- Truck Rates
- Peak Season Activity

#### Coal

- Seaborne Coal Prices
- Utility Coal Burn
- Natural Gas Prices



### **New Services to Drive Incremental Volumes**

Quickly executing to add volume to network



Technology enabled solutions for our **first and final mile** customers

Sustained strength in Industrial
Development
activities across the
Norfolk Southern
network





#### New Canadian Domestic Service

New **NS<>CN** domestic service launched **Oct. 2**<sup>nd</sup> providing a seamless intermodal product linking CN markets to the southeastern US



### Intermodal Expansion in Florida

NS expands portfolio of service offerings starting **Oct. 2**<sup>nd</sup> to include **FEC**'s Ft. Pierce and Ft. Lauderdale adding flexibility for Norfolk Southern and FEC's shared customers





### 2023 Outlook

- Revenue down ~4%
  - Lower than expected Q3 revenue including significant decline in fuel surcharge
- CapEx of ~ \$2.2B



### **OUR STRATEGY**



Safely Deliver Reliable and Resilient Service

**Propel Smart and Sustainable Growth** 

**Drive Continuous Productivity Improvement** 



